

U. S. Department of Energy
Supplemental Environmental Impact
Statement:
Site Selection for the Expansion of the
Strategic Petroleum Reserve

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Location: Perry Central High School
U. S. Highway 98
New Augusta, Mississippi

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3 ROY SANFORD

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5 I would like for them to get started
6 tomorrow as far as water and all. I don't believe
7 It will take that much. I would like to see it go
8 to Perry County.

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3 SUE KENISKY

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5 I came to speak for the river. The Leaf
6 River meets the Chickasawhay River at Merrill
7 and forms the Pascagoula River. In prehistory
8 Indians built mounds here at the junction of
9 these two rivers because they recognized the
10 sacredness of this place. The eddies and swirling
11 water at the junction of these rivers caused
12 what used to be described as a singing sound,
13 hence the singing river, a sound sometimes
14 described as the humming of bees.

15 Legend has it that Indians walked into
16 the river and drowned and it is their voices
17 that sang. The singing river doesn't sing any
18 more. It has already been adulterated and abused
19 by effluent pumped into the Leaf River from
20 paper plants. Our rivers should not be sewers.
21 They should not be manipulated and abused and put
22 endangered species at risk, not to mention
23 wetlands as the river empties into the Gulf.
24 Every time human beings seek to influence the
25 course or flow of a river the results are

1 never good. Go put the oil reserves at existing
2 sites and leave our river alone.

3 Besides the river, I am worried
4 about the conditions of the roads due to all
5 the activities that will ensue as a result of
6 pumping out the domes. I am concerned about
7 brine spills and other environmental factors such
8 as brine spills and pumping the brine down into
9 the Gulf. But my main concern is the river.
10 Leave our river alone.

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3 DAN JONES

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5 I am strictly for this project. I come
6 in here for jobs and opportunity for the people
7 of Perry County and everybody in Mississippi.

8 My thoughts are let the scientists and engineers
9 do their job and take a lot of emotion out of it
10 and let it happen. I am for it coming to Perry
11 County, the sooner the better.

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1 Verbal statement on the record by:

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3 THOMAS BLANTON

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5 In the 70's and 80's I was very active
6 with Miss Dot Cole. She is from Richton. We
7 organized Citizens Against Nuclear Disposal, which
8 was very active in stopping the nuclear dump. And
9 part of that process was an evaluation of what the
10 Richton salt dome is worth. Richton salt dome is
11 the most valuable mineral deposit on the face of
12 this earth. There is one hundred twenty cubic
13 miles of salt which is recoverable, worth more
14 money than there is in circulation in this country.
15 Now, the value of the salt that you are going to
16 remove to build the petroleum reserve is 4.7
17 billion dollars.

18 In the 80's I teamed up with Mr. M. W.
19 Biggers, B-I-G-G-E-R-S, who retired as head of
20 process design for Dow Chemical Corporation, the
21 world's largest salt miners. And we submitted in
22 '86 and '88 to DOE a process design for engineering,
23 which was recognized by DOE as the state of the
24 art in salt mining technology.

25 What I would like to do is to propose to

1 DOE that we build this processing plant, which
2 will return fresh water to the facility for use
3 to mine, would produce salt, chemical grade salt,
4 which we can sell. And we would produce enough
5 electricity to run Hattiesburg. So that your
6 plant could be run with electricity produced out
7 of this cogeneration process. So the gift in this
8 offer is that the need to draw fresh water out
9 of the Leaf River, Chickasawhay and Pascagoula,
10 can be set aside because we will reuse the water
11 and we will capture four to five billion dollars
12 worth of salt in Mississippi that we can market.
13 We have already done a market survey of four
14 thousand industries in seventeen states. The
15 State of Mississippi did that in the 90's. There
16 is probably a stack of books eight inches thick.
17 There is plenty of market for salt.

18 The technology -- General Electric was
19 working with us to develop this idea and they took
20 our idea to Kuwait and built a water plant for
21 Kuwait in the 80's. And they took our idea to
22 Kuwait and built a desalination water plant that
23 you see on TV, the ad, with billions and billions
24 of gallons of water. That is a take-off on our
25 process. All Kuwait runs off of water.

1 We didn't patent our process because a
2 patent is extremely difficult to get on a process
3 design. Also, it would cost more money to get
4 the patent than it would be to get the facility.
5 We would like the chance to build what we call the
6 Halite, H-A-L-I-T-E, that's the geological term for
7 salt. We call it the Halite cogeneration process.

8 So I would like to be invited to make a
9 presentation in Washington. Again, I have been
10 there before to make the presentation to DOE in '88.
11 I would like to come back and show them this idea
12 and explain to them what we need to do to make
13 it happen as far as engineering, start-up. And
14 the time frame you guys are talking about will
15 work for us. We can size it to scale however
16 big it needs to be, or however little it needs to
17 be.

18 The other nice thing about this would be,
19 you can take this same process to Louisiana and
20 there is no reason to be throwing all this salt
21 away. Salt is worth one hundred forty-five dollars
22 a ton. Everything you see, everything you see
23 is made with salt, everything including us.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF ALABAMA:

COUNTY OF MOBILE:

I do hereby certify that the above and foregoing transcript of proceedings in the matter aforementioned was taken down by me in machine shorthand, and the questions and answers thereto were reduced to writing under my personal supervision, and that the foregoing represents a true and correct transcript of the proceedings given by said witness upon said hearing.

I further certify that I am neither of counsel nor of kin to the parties to the action, nor am I anywise interested in the result of said cause.

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